

Harvest Snippets Summary

Harvest Snippet 15, 2026 includes results and associated weather data for the following trial:

1. 2025-26 Spring sown milling wheat cultivar performance trial, Methven, Canterbury (Irrigated).

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Location: Methven, Canterbury - Irrigated

This trial was sown on 15 August 2025 (ex. Rape) resulting in average established plant counts of 213 plants/m². It was harvested on 24 February 2026. At 9.2 t/ha, average yield was higher than the 2022-2025 4-year mean of 8.7 t/ha and lower than the last season's yield of 9.4 t/ha.

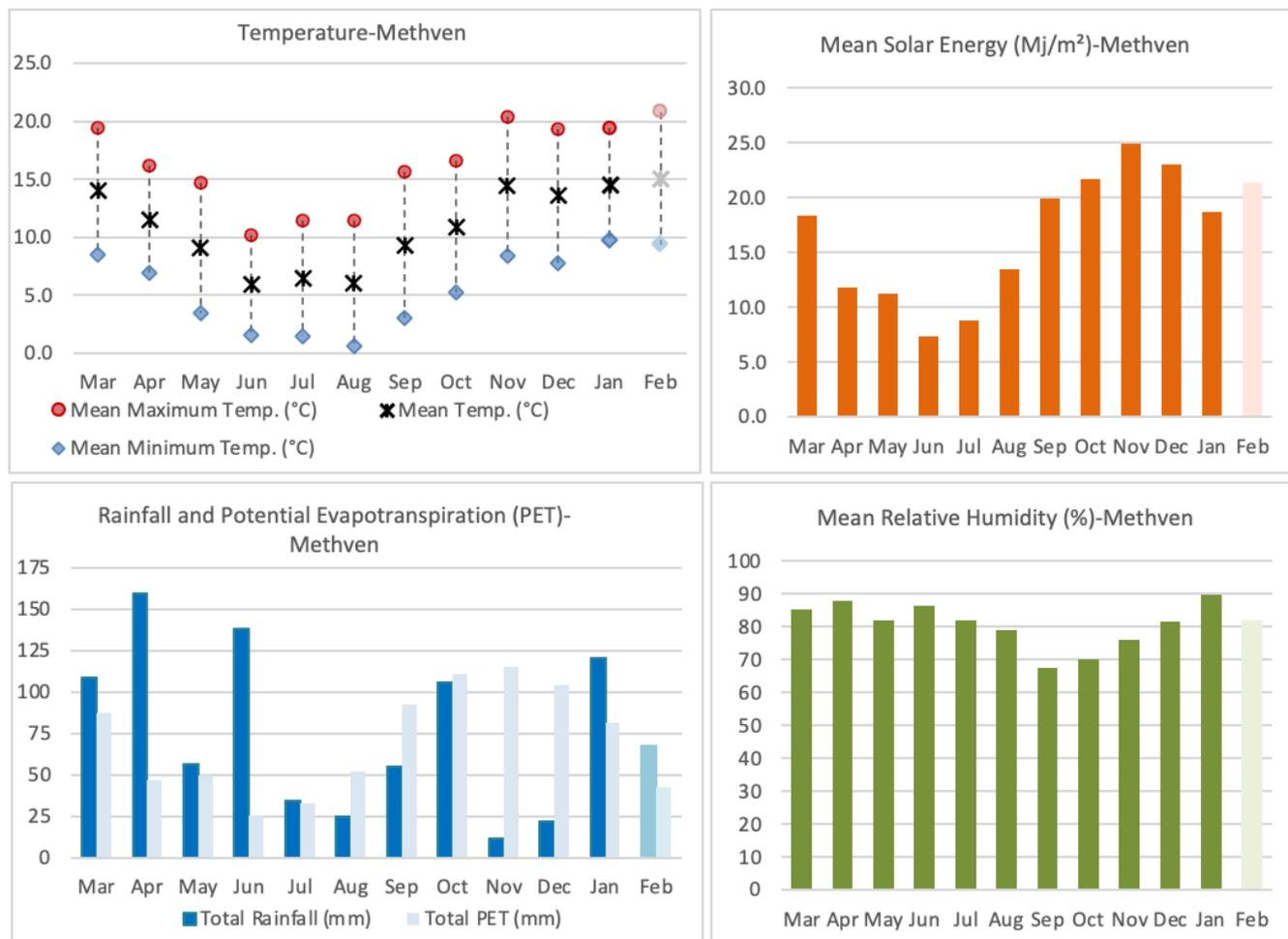
Table 1. Preliminary grain yields for the 2026 harvest for 9 milling wheat cultivars grown under irrigated conditions at Methven, Canterbury compared with the 4-year mean yields harvested from trials at the site between 2022 and 2025.

Cultivar	Grade	2026 harvest		2022 to 2025 harvests	
		Yield (t/ha)	% of site mean	4-year mean Yield (t/ha)	% of site 4-year mean
Aston	Premium	9.8	107	-	-
Kimberley (CRWT278)	Medium	9.8	107	9.7	111
Reliance	Premium	9.7	106	8.4	96
Sensas	Medium/ Premium	9.4	102	8.2	93
Discovery	Medium	9.3	102	9.4	108
Cochise	Medium	9.2	101	8.9	102
Viceroy	Medium	8.6	93	8.1	93
Conquest	Premium	8.5	93	8.3	95
Raffles	Gristing	8.2	89	8.9	102
Site mean yield		9.2	100	8.7	100
P value		<0.001			0.303
LSD (p=0.05)		0.3			NS
CV (%)		2.4			

Note: – indicates a new entry at this location. Yellow indicates the cultivar was amongst the greatest yielding group of cultivars. Updated 4-year means including the 2026 harvest will be published in the upcoming CPT Booklets. NS, LSD not calculated as P-value not significant.

Target plant population for trial: 200 plants/m².

Figure 1. 2025-26 seasonal weather data from weather station at Methven, Canterbury. Source: MetWatch. February data are incomplete.



Relative Humidity data have been calculated by averaging the hourly 8:00 to 9:00 and 9:00 to 10:00 AM data.